

**William Fairfax to George Washington, August 6, 1757,  
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**FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.**

ALEXANDRIA, 6th Augst. 1757

DEAR SIR

I had yr. Favor of the 28th. July by Tede. My Writing to You relating to the desir'd Comission for Billy Fx was principally for You to acquaint the Governor if any Vacancys, without the Knowledge of which his Honor could not make out a Comission, and being told there were Several Vacancys I did write to the Governor for a Comission. As they are all filld up Billy must wait. In the mean Time He is learning the Manual Exercise and other Necessary Accomplishments that He may appear with a good Face when he is receiv'd into yr. Regiment. If Mr. Milner whom You mentioned, should quit the Field, Please to inform the Governor and know his Pleasure concerning Billy's Expectations—As Ld. Loudoun may at this Time be engaged in Action Somewhere, So that Billy could not if attempted, easily follow his Lordship, I have wrote to Mr Comissary Pitcher, desiring him to let his Lordship & Genl. Abercromby know, Billy has Letters of Recommendation but as its imagin'd there may be many Cadets unprovided for, Billy is aiming at making Some Beginning in yr. Regiment and continue till He has the Honour of knowing his L'ps Pleasure.

If You had not been at Fort Loudoun when Mr. Atkyn's imprudent Orders to imprison the Cherokees were given And their forcible Delivery out of Goal, no doubt but the Indians

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when inflam'd would have made Mr. Atkyns their first Sacrifice and then judging their  
sd. Fact beyond Repair might go on and slaughter All they could overcome. I hope your  
Messenger has got timely to prevent the Nation at their Homes beginning Hostilitys, as it  
would take some Time to collect their Warriors and form Resolutions after the Arrival of  
the first Intelligence. Yr. Brother wth. Colo. G. Lee are here expecting to have met You,  
but now imagine you don't think proper to leave Fort Loudoun till You know the Disposition  
of the absent Cherokees etc. If you dont come soon, Please to favor me wth. the Number  
of private Men in yr. Regiment and where garrisond, for my own Notice—All here and at  
Belvoir offer their best wishes And I remain

Yr. very affect. & obedt. Servt. W: FAIRFAX